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Thank you for your email of 28 January 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:-

1. How much funding was budgeted for the International Organization for Migration in Afghanistan in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

a. For each year how much money was provided and how much was spent?

2. How many times did a failed asylum seeker who had been removed from the UK, approach the British Embassy for assistance in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?

3. How many charter flights were sent to return people to Afghanistan in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?

a. How much does it cost to send a charter flight to Afghanistan?

4. How many Afghani people took up the Voluntary Returns Scheme in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. If possible, of them how many, in each year, were former UASCs.

5. How much was paid out in the Voluntary Returns Scheme in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold some information relevant to your request.

On Question 1, the overall figure for funding provided to International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Afghanistan during the Financial Years 2010-11 to 2014-15 was £5,335,247. Although we budgeted for £5.3 million, only £3 million was spent. The difference was therefore returned to the Programme Fund for re-allocation elsewhere. We have no record of funding being provided to IOM in 2009-10. The expenditure breakdown is as follows:-

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Expenditure (£)</u>
2010-11	89,512
2011-12	1,219,236
2012-13	594,836
2013-14	584,005
2014-15	527,196
TOTAL	3,014,785

On Question 2, the British Embassy in Kabul is not approached directly as we have a contract in place with IOM who manage our reintegration programme, and returnees can contact them directly.

Questions 3, 4 and 5 relate to areas of Home Office competence, and I would advise that you contact them as they will be better placed to assist you; you may wish to refer to their Unit that deals with Freedom of Information requests:-

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Yours sincerely,

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